

**Western Sydney Region RTO 90221 2012 Validation of Assessment Process**

During Semester One 2012 WSR Region RTO held a series of workshops to support the VET teachers with the validation of all assessment packages. These workshops were held to allow expert teachers to work as teams to review and validate tasks for all 9 VET courses offered by the RTO:

Business Services,

Construction,

Entertainment,

Hospitality,

Information Technology,

Metals and Engineering,

Primary Industries,

Retail Services,

Furniture Making BEC

Each group of framework teachers had a collection of assessment packages submitted by teachers from across the Region to validate against the critical elements of assessment from the units of competency being assessed.

These validated tasks were then presented at a Validation workshop on 14th June to both Industry Representation and to another RTO being the Parramatta Catholic diocese RTO for discussion and validation. Comments and constructive criticism were sought from both external bodies to keep on file.

This was an extremely successful event with some fabulous evaluation comments from the both the Teachers and Industry representatives about our processes and planning.

Industry Comments:

I was impressed with the amount of detail needed in documenting all that is needed for registration of an RTO. Today’s workshop increased enormously my understanding of the challenges faced by teachers in the Metals and Engineering framework.

As a community provider this information was very valuable as most of this information was new to me.

The involvement of industry in this process is essential; however I believe that the majority of business owners are unaware of this process. I would like to see an awareness campaign for business owners to increase participation in the future.

Teachers Comments:

I found it very valuable to network with industry today regarding their needs and how they correlate to what school resources allow.

The start of a long conversation…. Some important points were raised regarding workplacement that need to be followed up between the workplace and the SIP.

Very worthwhile. Good to have validation of what we are doing in the classroom.

Got some valuable insights into industry needs.

This will be an ongoing process with Assessment Tools being adjusted as the Training Packages are amended. There will be an ongoing conversation between the teachers that were involved and the industry people that they worked with. As a result of the workshop many industry representatives have made offers of continued support. This will lead to improved outcomes for our students.

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